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FOLLOWING IS FINAL, APPROVED TEXT OF SECRETARY'S DINNER
TOAST:

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

LET ME FIRST THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR THE WARMTH
OF YOUR WELCOME.

TODAY HAS BEEN A MOVING AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR
ALL OF US.

THESE HOURS ARE AN INSTANT IN THE LONG HISTORY OF THE
HUNGARIAN PEOPLE -- AND JUST A MOMENT IN THE HISTORY
OF THE CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN. YET THIS IS A DAY WHICH
WILL NOT SOON BE FORGOTTEN. FEW TIMES SINCE THE
ELEVENTH CENTURY HAS THE CROWN LEFT HUNGARIAN SOIL.
TODAY, ONCE AGAIN, IT HAS RETURNED TO THE PEOPLE WHOSE
SOVEREIGNTY, COURAGE AND LOVE OF COUNTRY IT
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REPRESENTS.

TODAY'S EVENT COMES AT A TIME OF IMPROVING RELATIONS
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. OUR DIFFERENCES DO NOT DIM
OUR MUTUAL DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO ENHANCE OUR OFFICIAL
COOPERATION ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS,
AS WELL AS ON POLITICAL QUESTIONS. EQUALLY ENCOURAGING,

THE TIES BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES BECOME EVER MORE SECURE.

THESE TIES ARE STRENGTHENED BY THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN SOCIETY MADE BY SO MANY SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF HUNGARY. DISTINGUISHED SCIENTISTS, INVENTORS, MUSICIANS, MEN AND WOMEN OF VISION AND CULTURE, THEY HAVE EMBODIED WITHIN MY OWN COUNTRY THE SKILLS AND SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE OF YOURS. WE ARE HONORED AT THE PRESENCE OF DISTINGUISHED HUNGARIAN-AMERICANS IN OUR DELEGATION HERE TONIGHT.

I THINK THAT ALL OF US WERE MOVED BY THE CEREMONIES THIS AFTERNOON. BOTH OUR COUNTRIES MAY BE PROUD THAT, BEFITTING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CROWN, IT DID NOT BECOME A POLITICAL ISSUE BETWEEN US. IT WAS NATURAL THAT WHEN OUR RELATIONS IMPROVED, WE WOULD SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN IT TO ITS HOME.

MR. PRESIDENT, THE IMPROVEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS REFLECTS THE BROADER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEACEFUL COOPERATION NOW PRESENTED ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT, AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

IN THE CONTEXT OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON

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SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, WE ARE BOTH PLEDGED TO PEACE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF BETTER RELATIONS AMONG OURSELVES AND OTHER SIGNATORIES, AS WELL AS TO THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF OUR CITIZENS. MANY OF THE GROWING NUMBER OF AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN EXCHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. OTHER ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND HUMAN CONTACTS HAVE FLOWED INDIRECTLY FROM HELSINKI OR HAVE BEEN FAVORABLY INFLUENCED BY THAT HISTORIC MEETING.

HELSINKI WAS A PART OF THE WIDER PROCESS OF DETENTE. AS PRESIDENT CARTER HAS AFFIRMED IN HIS STATEMENTS, AND IN SUCH ACTS AS HIS RECENT VISIT IN POLAND, THE UNITED STATES IS DETERMINED TO IMPROVE THE CLIMATE OF EAST-WEST POLITICAL RELATIONS, TO MOVE TOWARD BALANCED AND EFFECTIVE REDUCTIONS IN ARMAMENTS AND TO OBTAIN LASTING SOLUTIONS TO EAST-WEST DIFFERENCES. NEXT WEEK AMERICAN AND SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES WILL RESUME THEIR IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS AND OTHER ARMS-CONTROL OPPORTUNITIES.

MR. PRESIDENT, MANY HEADS AND MANY HANDS HAVE BORNE THE CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN. THE UNITED STATES HAS KEPT IT SAFE AND BROUGHT IT BACK TO HUNGARY, IN THE
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KNOWLEDGE THAT IT BELONGS TO THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE AND REPRESENTS THE HUNGARIAN NATION. ITS DISPLAY HERE WILL SYMBOLIZE THE SPIRIT OF NATIONAL PRIDE AND INDEPENDENCE OF YOUR PEOPLE, AS ITS RETURN SYMBOLIZES OUR HOPES FOR A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD. EACH OF US ON OUR DELEGATION IS HONORED TO HAVE BEEN A PART OF THIS HISTORIC MOMENT.

MR. PRESIDENT, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO YOUR HEALTH, TO THE LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE, TO THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES, AND -- TO THE CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN. END TEXT.
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